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1. AMBASSADOR HAD LENGTHY TELECON WITH FOROFF PERM SECY NGONDA TO SAY HOW OFFENSIVE WE HAD FOUND BISHOP MUZOREWA'S PERSONAL CRITICISM OF SECRETARY AND MALICIOUS ATTACK ON US POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. AMBASSADOR SAID SHE HOPED THAT THESE KINDS OF PUBLIC CRITICISMS WOULD NOT ARISE AGAIN TO MAR THE SPIRIT OF GOODWILL WITH WHICH THE SECRETARY COMES TO ZAMBIA. WE REALIZE ANC HAS IN PAST BITTEN ZAMBIAN HAND THAT HAS FED IT WITH INGRATITUDE AND CRITICISM OF GRZ AS WELL. ONLY THE OTHER DAY FOLLOWING MUZOREWA'S ATTACK ON US, BRITAIN AND OTHERS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA, WE NOTED THAT BISHOP AND HIS SUPPORTERS IMMEDIATELY TURNED ON ZAMBIAN PRESS AND TIRED TO FLAY THEM FOR NOT GIVING ANC EXTERNAL WING SUFFICIENT PUBLICITY AND THUS IMPLICITLY FAVORING NKOMO.

2. NGONDA DEPLORED THE BEHAVIOR OF THE ANC EXTERNAL WING AND SAID HE HOPED TO SEE ANC LEADERS TODAY AND EXPRESS ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT DISAPPOINTMENT WITH ANC BEHAVIOR AS GUESTS OF ZAMBIA. NGONDA POINTEDLY SAID WE COULD BE SURE ANC WOULD NOT HAVE THE KIND OF OPEN SPOTLIGHT IT HAS ENJOYED IN THE PAST FROM THE ZAMBIAN PRESS, RADIO AND TV. IMPLICATION HERE WAS THAT ZAMBIAN PRESS ONCE BURNED WOULD BE TWICE SHY OF ANC.

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3. NGONDA EMPHASIZED THAT ZAMBIA HAD FOLLOWED STRICT POLICY

OF NEUTRALITY IN PLAYING HOST TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA SO AS NOT TO EXPOSE ITSELF TO CRITICISM OF INTERFERENCE IN THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN RETURN, NGONDA LAMENTED, IT HAS BEEN ZAMBIA'S SAD EXPERIENCE THAT LIBERATION GUESTS CREATED PROBLEMS FOR THEIR HOSTS. NGONDA SAID ZAMBIA NEVERTHELESS WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE SO THAT THIS COUNTRY WOULD NOT BE USED AS A PSYCHOLOGICAL "BATTLEFIELD" FOR INTERNAL WARFARE WITHIN THE MOVEMENTS OR FOR ATTACKS ON FOREIGN POWERS WITH WHICH ZAMBIA HAS FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

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